Modernisation of Power Plants

1611. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have provided concessional credit for renovation and modernisation of existing power plants to the State of Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many power plants are presently being renovated and modernised in the State; and

(d) the details and progress in this regard, plant-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has provided interest subsidy of 4% on R&M projects on disbursement through Power Finance Corporation (PFC) for the year 1997-98 under Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme. Under these programme financial assistance has been provided to Gujarat Electricity Board for the R&M of Ukai & Dhuvrah TPSs.

(c) and (d) 4 thermal power plants in Gujarat are covered in R&M phase II (for 8th Plan) and phase II revised (for 9th Plan).

The details are as under:—

S.No.	Name of the Thermal power Station	Sanctioned Est. Cost Phase-II (Rs. Lakhs)	Physical Progress Up to 31.3.98 %	Financial Progress As on 31.3.98 %
1.	Gandhinagar TPS (2×120MW +2×210MW)	346.00	44%	32%
2.	Wanakbori TPS (6×210MW)	1544.00	86%	71%
3.	Dhuvran TPS (4×63.5MW +2×140MW) (Oil fired)	2724.00	71%	51%
4.	Ukai TPS (2×120MW +2×200MW+1×210MW)	3090.00	47%	75%

Power Supply in Gujarat

1612. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have prepared any action plan for improving the quality, reliability and cost effectiveness of power supply in Gujarat; and;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government. Government of India has not received any specific action plan from Gujarat for improving the quality, reliability and cost effectiveness of power supply in the State. However, in order to improve the voltage profile in the Gujarat System, the Central Electricity Authority has recommended installation of 1500 MVAR shunt capacitors. A number of 400 KV and 220 KV transmission lines are under construction by Gujarat Electricity Board which will improve the power supply in Gujarat.

Further, to increase the reliability of power supply in Gujarat CEA has approved the loop in-loop out of POWERGRID's Gandhar-Padghe 400 KV S/C line (commissioned on 1.3.1998) at the new 400/220 KV sub-station to be established at Vapi.